

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the May 2, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Announcements & Presentations**

Presentation of Annual Preservation Awards - Franklin Heritage, Inc., Rob Shilts came forward to present the preservation awards for 2016. Mayor McGuinness joined Mr. Shilts to present the awards. Best New Construction in existing neighborhood – Franklin Arts Garden – Richard & Meg Jones and Lanser + Bebee, LLC Architects; Best Adaptive Reuse of existing historic structure award – The Marshmallow Monkey - Brandon and Nicole Nicoloff; Best Renovation of existing historic structure - Franklin Elks Lodge #1818 – Kim Demaree; Best New Addition to Historic Structure Award – (Triple Play BBQ) The Pavilion - Fred & Michele Paris; Best Continued use of Existing Historic Structure Award – Greek's Pizzeria & Tapp Room – Jason Tapp; Restorer of Old Franklin (ROOF) Award – Franklin Development Corporation – Jeff Mercer and Krista Linke; Lifetime Achievement For Meritorious Preservation (LAMP) award – Jim Nordmeyer, Imperial Restorations; Natural Beauty Award – Scott & Julie Parker; Little Charmer Award: Scott & Michelle Graham & Ty & Cassidy Sempsrott; Kathleen VanNuys Historic Farmstead Award – Darrell & Elizabeth Dusold.

Ms. Nancy Voris from Smoke Free Johnson County came forward and discussed vaping and e-cigarettes. Ms. Voris presented several articles stating the health risks with vaping and e-cigarettes, she would like the Council to consider changing the current ordinance to include banning these items from public locations. A discussion was held.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business presented.

### **New Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 16-11 A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by Hetsco, Inc.** - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this resolution is requesting a waiver of non-compliance for Hetsco, Inc. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 16-12 A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by Heartland Machine & Engineering** - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this resolution is requesting a waiver of non-compliance for Heartland Machine & Engineering. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-08 An Ordinance Creating a LOIT Special Distribution Fund** - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated that we were given back money from the state in the amount of 2.3 million. Of this amount we must set aside 75% for cement, mortar, & asphalt type of work, and the rest can be put in the Rainy Day Fund. A discussion was held. Councilor Ault made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-07 An Additional Appropriation from General Fund 200 to Police Supplies 200 in the amount of \$20,156.00** - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan came forward and stated this was a refund check received for defective gunsights they had purchased, they would like to put this money back in their supply line item to purchase new gunsights. A discussion was held. This will be brought back for public hearing at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-08 An Additional Appropriation for LOIT Special Distribution** - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and explained this ordinance. A

discussion was held. This item will be brought back for public hearing at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Other Business**

Fire Chief Dan McElyea came forward to thank Firefighter Jason Powell for his work in applying for a FEMA Grant they received in the amount of \$216,000.00.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban stated that the Farmers Market was open this past Saturday.

Councilor Wertz stated that there was a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Community Development Director Krista Linke reminded everyone that “Strawberries on the Square” would be Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 5/24/16

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer